

Joint Committee on Judiciary

Legislative Office Building

300 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Opposition to H.B. 6355 **AN ACT CONCERNING RISK PROTECTION ORDERS OR WARRANTS.**

Support of H.B. 6491: AN ACT PERMITTING PERSONS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES USING NONLETHAL DEFENSIVE INSTRUMENTS.

Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I urge you to oppose HB 6355. I fail to see any advantage to taking disinterested professional third party (i.e., police) out of the loop. It should be obvious that such a measure would open the door to abuse by someone looking to do harm. Please do not leave potential victims defenseless.

Also, adding “medical professionals” to the list of authorized petitioners will have an unintended consequence. You are forcing gun owners to choose between getting help or being defenseless. This is an immoral choice. People, especially disadvantaged people, should not be forced to give up their safety in favor of getting help. Many will choose safety over help.

I also urge you to support H.B. 6491. It is truly astonishing to me that carrying nonlethal electronic defense weapons is illegal. Please support this bill and right this wrong.

Sincerely,

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